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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TECH CENTER

In re Application of:

MARTINEZ et al

Serial No.: 09/486,142

Filed: February 18, 2000

For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE...HORMONES

J. Taylor

Group: 1655

600 Third Avenue New York, N.Y. 10016 September 12, 2001

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the period for response to the outstanding Office Action be extended for one month until

September 15, 2001.

PTO Form 2038(02-2000) is enclosed herewith to cover the appropriate fee. Should any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted, Bierman, Muserlian and Lucas

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